

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 - 72 (canceled)

Claim 73 (new) A flexible linear charge element adapted to the penetration of a structure; said linear charge element forming an elongate composite structure; said composite structure including:

- (a) a shaped explosive charge component;
- (b) a cutting sheet liner component; and
- (c) a stand-off member component , and wherein each said component is at least partially enveloped in an inertial mass tamping carapace.

Claim 74 (new) The liner charge element of claim 73 wherein said cutting sheet liner component is disposed between said shaped explosive charge component and said stand-off member component.

Claim 75 (new) The linear charge element of claim 74 wherein said cutting sheet linear component comprises a matrix of polymers incorporating a dense distribution of metal carbide particles.

Claim 76 (new) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said explosive charge component is a shaped charge component; shape of said shaped charge component adapted to produce a "Monroe Effect" when detonated.

Claim 77 (new) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said inertial mass tamping carapace

is formed of a dense non-toxic, flexible plasticized metal composite.

Claim 78 (new) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said inertial mass tampering carapace is formed of a dense inert compound.

Claim 79 (new) The linear charge element of claim 77 wherein said inert compound comprises powdered barium sulphate.

Claim 80 (new) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said stand-off member component is adapted to provide a separation between said cutting sheet liner and said structure.

Claim 81 (new) The linear charge element of claim 80 wherein said stand-off member component is in the form of an elongate flexible closed cell foam structure.

Claim 82 (new) The charge element of claim 80 wherein said stand-off member component is in the form of an elongate flexible hollow tubular member.

Claim 83 (new) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said composite structure is provided with attachment means adapted to attach said linear charge element to a surface of said structure.

Claim 84 (new) The charge element of claim 84 wherein said attachment means comprises at least one adhesive strip arranged along an underside of said composite structure.

Claim 85 (new) The linear charge element of claim 84 wherein said attachment means comprises at least one magnetic strip arranged along an underside of said composite structure.